

EUROPEAN CIRCULAR INNOVATION VALLEY (ECIV)

A new dance-floor for Circular Solutions

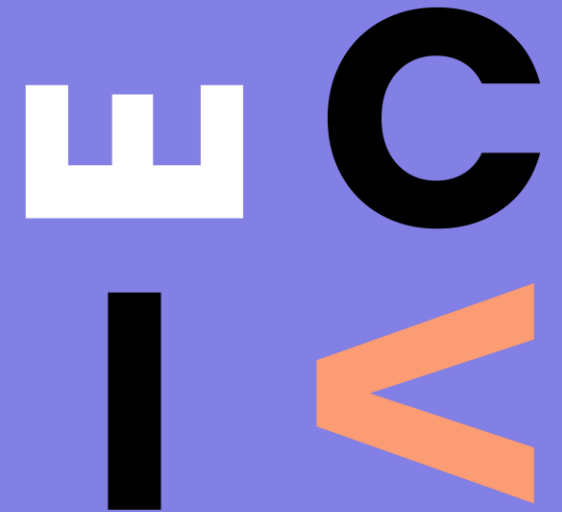
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AGENDA

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European
Circular
Innovation
Valley

Regional Innovation Valleys

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The project will create an **interregional ecosystem** within the European Union to **transform value chains** with the aim of developing and delivering **new circular solutions to the market** with a **mission-oriented** approach.





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Objectives:

To create the European Circular Innovation Valley (ECIV), which will connect different EU territories/regions with two interrelated purposes (green & economic):

- **Making a significant advance in the transition towards a circular economy** of the regions (and of Europe).
- **Generating sustainable growth and development** in the participating regions (and in Europe as a whole). Taking advantage of the economic opportunities of circularity, creating new markets and new businesses.

ECIV will create a **"dance floor" where agents and interest groups from innovation ecosystems will establish connections** to propose solutions to the challenges that circular transformation offers working in our main industrial value chains.

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Objectives:



WP1

Project management



WP2

Common Action Plans
for Regional Cooperation



WP3

Creation of the "Dance Floor"
(ecosystems connection,
collaboration activities)



WP4

OPEN calls (Competitive selection
and funding of interregional
innovation projects)



WP5

Results' exploitation and
Innovation Valley
Roadmap for the future



WP6

Dissemination and communication, strategy

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Milestones



To mobilize, dynamize and connect 9 regional circular economy innovation ecosystems



To increase the innovation activity and foster innovation and experimentation in circular industrial value chains. Up to 35 collaborative innovation projects, 30 smaller “collaboration experiment” projects, in up to 10 industrial sectors (including energy, automotive, agro-food, machinery, construction, biotech)



To increase innovation knowledge and capabilities of the regions:

- Facilitating to innovators technology and financial elements to bring their ideas to the market.
- Fostering the collaboration among regions (including more advanced with less advanced regions)



To mobilise public funding and private investments for innovation in circularity. The project will dedicate 60% of its budget to Open calls, and will mobilise:

- **16,3 Million € of public funding.** 50% is provided by the participating regional public authorities
- **Up to 7 Million € of private investment,** provided by the private entities participating in the open calls



To generate common knowledge assets and regional policies and strategies related to circularity.

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Metodology:



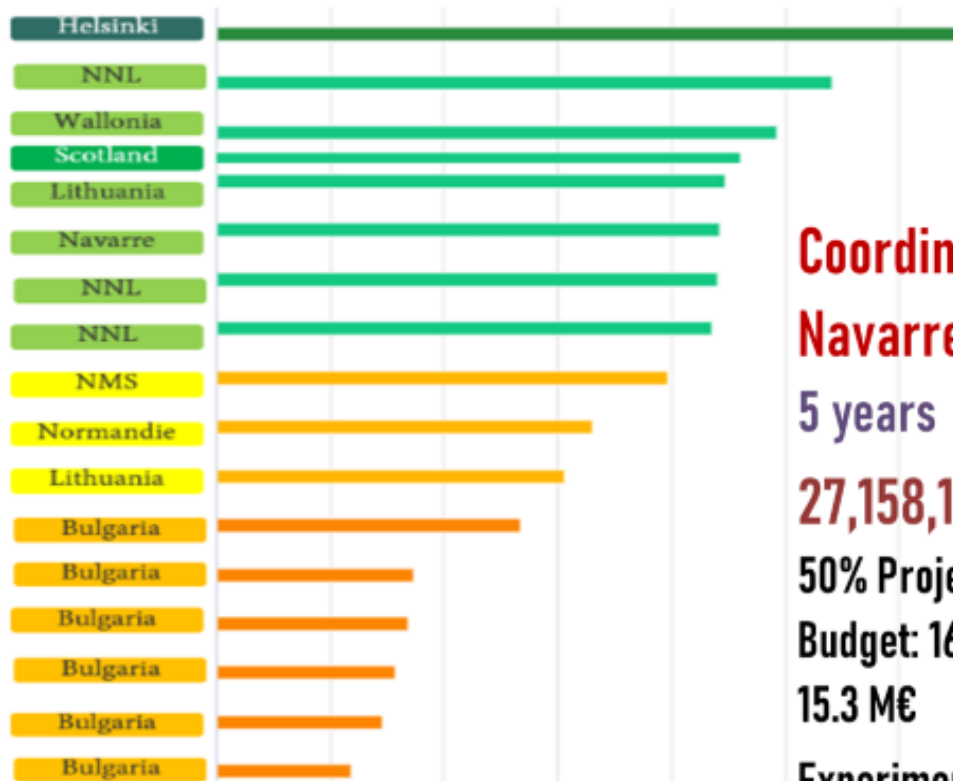
- **Analysis of regional contexts and challenges**, including policies, strategic planning and actors
- **Mission-oriented plans**: specific missions and sub-missions to address objectives
- **Connecting ecosystems (the dance floor)**: facilitating contact and collaboration between stakeholders from different regions. Creation of spaces for dialogue, sharing of challenges and development of solutions to specific challenges that mobilize, involve and connect regional actors.
- Solve specific challenges by **implementing deep-tech projects selected** in the waterfall funding call
- **Transfer and replication**

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Project consortium:



Source: European Innovation Scoreboard 2023



REGIONAL INNOVATION VALLEYS

Coordinator: Government of Navarre
9 territories 19 partners
5 years

27,158,123.00 € UE contribution:
 50% Projects and experimentation
 Budget: 16.3 M€ Open calls Budget:
 15.3 M€

Experiments Budget: 1 M€ Support: 15
 to 35 projects and 15 to 30
 experiments.

Facilitators: ACR+

EUROPEAN CIRCULAR INNOVATION VALLEY (ECIV)

Territories/Countries:

19
Entities

9
Territories/
countries

NAVARRA REGION

- 1.(Coordinator) – Government of Navarra (GN)
2. Sociedad de Desarrollo de Navarra (SODENA)

NORTHERN NETHERLANDS REGION Alliance or Provinces of Friesland, Groningen and Drenthe)

3. Gemeenschappelijke Regeling Samenwerkingsverband Noord-Nederland (SNN)
4. Provincie Groningen (GRO)
5. Provincie Fryslan (FRY)
4. Provincie Drenthe (DTH)
7. Rijksuniversiteit Groningen (UGRO)
8. Stichting Innovatiepact Fryslan (SIF)

NORRA MELLANSVERIGE REGION -NORTH MIDDLE SWEDEN (Alliance of regions of Dalarna, Värmland, Gävleborg)

9. Region of Dalarna (DAL)
10. Region of Värmland (VÄR)
11. Region of Gävleborg (GÄV)

NORMANDIE REGION

12. Region Normandie (NOR)

BULGARIA

13. Ministry of Innovation and Growth of Bulgaria (MIGB)

WALLONIA REGION

14. Service public de Wallonie Economie (SPW)

LITHUANIA

15. Inovacijų agentūra [Innovation Agency Lithuania] (IAL)

SCOTTLAND

16. Scottish Enterprise
17. Strathclyde University (IbioIC)

HELSINKI - UUSIMAA

18. Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council

OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

- 19.ACR + (Association of Cities and Regions for sustainable Resource management) (ACR+)

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